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SUBJ: MBFR: DATA DISAGGREGATION: SPC MEETING APRIL 26

REF: (A) STATE 88516 (DTG 200132Z APR 77)
(B) STATE 93346 (DTG 260149Z APR 77)
(C) MBFR VIENNA 145 (DTG 231747Z MAR 77)

SUMMARY: SPC ON APRIL 26 RETURNED TO MBFR DATA DISAGGREGATION.
WE DREW ON WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REGARDING DUTCH PROPOSAL, AND
DISAGGREGATION BY UNIT. FRG REP REGRETTE US VIEW OF THE DUTCH
PROPOSAL. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF DISAGGREGATION BY UNIT.
ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 11, BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) SAID THAT CANADA DID NOT FIND
EXCLUSIVE THE PROPOSAL TO TABLE NATIONAL BREAKDOWNS AND THE
PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM ASPECTS OF DATA EXCHANGE. CANADA
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SUPPORTS BOTH PROPOSALS. HE NOTED THAT CANADA ACCEPTS THE US
TEXT OF DRAFT NAC GUIDANCE TO THE AHG. DUTCH REP (MEESMAN)
SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE HAGUE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN LOOKING
AT LONG-TERM ASPECTS. US REP (MOORE DREW ON PARA 3, REF A,
REGARDING US WILLINGNESS TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM ASPECTS FOLLOWING
NATIONAL DISAGGREGATION. FRG REP (CITRON) REMAINED SILENT ON
THIS POINT.

2. US REP DREW ON REF B IN COMMENTING ON THE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR
AN UNCLASSIFIED NATO DATA PUBLICATION AS A WAY OF INTRODUCING

DATA INDIRECTLY, AND ON DISAGGREGATION BY UNIT.

3. DUTCH REP MADE CLEAR THAT THE DUTCH ARE MAINTAINING THEIR PROPOSAL AS A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR COMPROMISE, ALTHOUGH THE DUTCH PREFER THE TABLING OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS.

4. FRG REP SAID THAT THE DUTCH PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE INDIRECT INTRODUCTION OF THE WESTERN FIGURES. THE FRG THOUGHT THAT THE DUTCH PROPOSAL SHOULD BE EXAMINED SERIOUSLY AS A BASIS FOR COMPROMISE. HE REGRETTED THAT THE US HAD APPARENTLY SAID A FLAT "NO" TO THE DUTCH PROPOSAL AND HE, PERSONNALLY, DID NOT FIND THE US ARGUMENTATION COVINCING. IN PARTICULAR, HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE DUTCH PROPOSAL WOULD LEAD THE DATA DISCUSSION TO BECOME LINKED WITH REDUCTION APPROACHES. HE ALSO DID NOT SEE WHY THE FACT THAT THE EAST MIGHT OBJECT THAT THEY ARE NOT DEALING WITH NATO AS AN ORGANIZATION SHOULD MEAN THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT WORTH TRYING. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE SPC CONSIDER ASKING THE MBFR WORKING GROUP TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE FIGURES WHICH MIGHT APPEAR IN THE BROCHURE, TO SEE HOW THE BROCHURE WOULD LOOK. NO SPC MEMBER TOOK UP THE LATTER PROPOSAL.

5. CANADIAN REP SAID THAT CANADA DID NOT SEE HOW THE ALLIES CAN GET WHAT THEY WANT, I.E., THE TABLING OF EASTERN DATA FROM THE DUTCH PROPOSAL.

6. US REP POINTED OUT, IN RESPONSE TO FRG REP, THAT IN GOING
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TO SUCH GREAT LENGTHS TO AVOID THE ACTUAL TABLING OF WESTERN DATA, THE ALLIES WOULD THEMSELVES BE SUGGESTING THAT THE TABLING OF DATA IS LINKED TO REDUCTION APPROACHES. HE REVIEWED THAT THE US HAS CONSISTENTLY WANTED TO KEEP THE DATA DISCUSSION AS A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, WITH NO KINK WHATEVER WITH REDUCTION APPROACHES. THIS WAS NOT ONLY TO CREATE AN ADDED SAFEGUARD THAT THE DATD DISCUSSION WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE ALLIED POSITION ON NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS, BUT WAS ALSO TO PROVIDE AN ADDED SAFEGUARD THAT THE DATA TABLED WOULD NOT BECOME THE BASIS FOR REDUCTIONS OR LIMITATIONS UNDER

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MBFR. REGARDING THE LIKELY EASTERN OBJECTION THAT THEY ARE NOT DEALING WITH NATO AS AN ORGANIZATION, THIS HAS BEEN A FIRM EASTERN CONTENTION, AND WOULD GIVE THEM ALL THE REASON THEY NEED TO REJECT A PBULICATION OF NATO AS AN ORGANIZATION AS THE BASIS FOR WESTERN FIGURES IN THE DATA EXCHANGE. US REP ADDED THAT SUCH A DETERMINED EFFORT BY THE AHG TO AVOID TABLING NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS COULD TRANSMIT THE WRONG SIGNAL TO THE EAST. THE SIGNAL WOULD BE THAT THE WEST IS CONCERNED ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN COLLECTIVITY, AND IS AFRAID THAT ACTUALLY TABLING THIS DATA COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS. THE STRONGEST SIGNAL THE WEST COULD SEND THE EAST WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE THE DATA WITH CONFIDENCE, AND WITH A STRONG DISCLAIMER ON WESTERN REJECTION OF NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS.

7. BELGIAN REP (CROLLEN) SAID IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE DUTCH TO PRESENT A PAPER EXPLAINING FURTHER THEIR PROPOSAL. BELGIUM WOULD EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE PROS AND CONS OF THE IDEA
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OF AN UNCLASSIFIED BROCHURE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE US ARGUMENTS MERITED REFLECTION. ANY OTHER DELEGATIONS WHICH MIGHT HAVE COMPROMISES TO SUGGEST SHOULD ALSO SUBMIT PAPERS.

8. UK REP (HOLMER) SAID THE UK POSITION ON THE DUTCH PROPOSAL WAS AS STATED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, I.E., THE UK SEES LARGE DISADVANTAGES IN IT. THE UK CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE TABLING OF NATIONAL SUB-TOTALS.

9. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT THE US RECONSIDER ITS OBJECTION TO TABLE UNILATERALLY US SUB-TOTALS AND WESTERN ESTIMATES OF SOVIET SUB-TOTALS. US REP REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT ONLY A US OBJECTION, BUT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS OBJECTED TO THIS APPROACH, AND HE BRIEFLY REITERATED THE US POSITION, AND RECALLED PARA II(5) OF THE AHG REPORT (REF C).

10. NEXT SPC MEETING ON DATA DISAGGREGATION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28.

1. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING APRIL 28:
WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO OFFER THE ALLIES AN EXPLANATION OF HOW UNIT DISAGGREGATION WOULD INVOLVE FORCE DEFINITION AND

COMPARABILITY PROBLEMS, AND THUS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE OF PARA 4 C, REF B.
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